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#### Rapidly-growing 3,000-acre wildfire burning on army training range near Fort Greely

By Tim Ellis, KUAC - Fairbanks

May 2, 2019



#### Unexploded military ordnance complicates effort to suppress 6,600-acre wildfire in Alaska

By ZAZ HOLLANDER | Alaska Dispatch News, Anchorage | Published: May 7, 2019 (Tribune News Service) — Federal fire bosses are plotting a strategy to battle an



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#### Very high fire danger: Red flag warning for Interior Alaska

Tuesday, May 7th 2019, 12:11 PM AKDT

Updated:

Tuesday, May 7th 2019, 12:15 PM AKDT

By: Jeremy LaGoo



#### Fire near Delta pushes smoke into nearby communities as winds rise

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#### Oregon Lakes fire crews now tasked with protecting homes

Saturday, May 25th 2019, 8:22 AM AKDT

By: Bryan Dunagan



#### Interior Alaska wildfire grows, fueled by high winds

Author: Michelle Theriault Boots



#### High winds expand Oregon Lakes Fire near Delta Junction

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By The Associated Press & Laura Holman | Posted: Mon 9:50 AM, May 27, 2019 | Updated: Mon 9:59 AM, May 27, 2019



FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) - A wildfire that has burned in Alaska since April has expanded by 2,000 acres



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#### High winds cause Oregon Lakes Fire to spread

Tuesday, May 28th 2019, 5:11 AM AKDT

By: Aaron Morrison





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#### **RELATED STORIES:**

Oregon Lakes fire crews now tasked with protecting homes

Progress continues in Oregon Lakes Fire

Light rain helps firefighters in Oregon Lakes wildfire

Oregon Lake Fire moderated due to damp weather

By Taylar Perez |

Posted: Sat 12:34 PM, Jun 01, 2019 | Updated: Sat 12:35 PM, Jun 01, 2019



ANCHORAGE, Alaska (KTUU) - The Oregon Lakes Fire transitioned from a Type 2 incident to a Type 3

Lightning sparks 3 wildfires in Southwest Alaska Tuesday

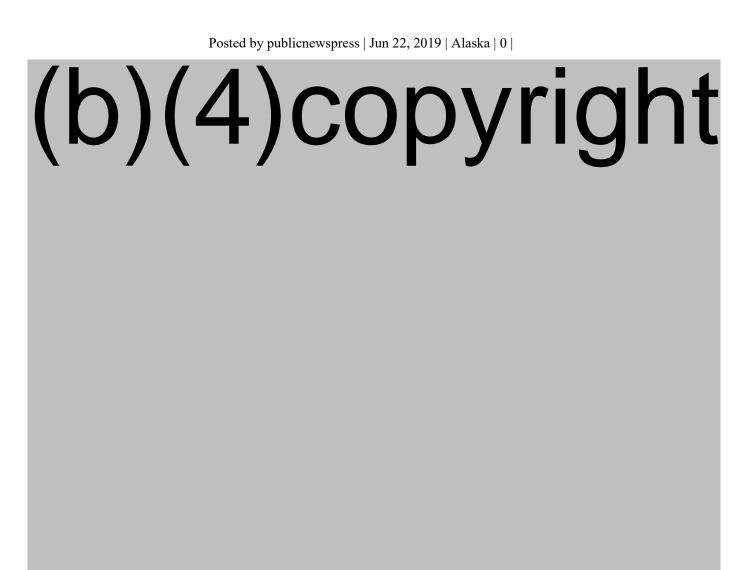
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#### By Lex Treinen |

Posted: Wed 5:50 PM, Jun 05, 2019 | Updated: Wed 6:19 PM, Jun 05, 2019



#### UPDATE: SHOVEL CREEK FIRE GROWS TO 400 ACRES; RED FLAG WARNING ISSUED FOR LIGHTNING THREAT



Contact the newsroom at 459-7572.

#### Shovel Creek Fire expands; new fire reported near Salcha; fireworks banned

- By Kyrie Long, klong@newsminer.com
- Jun 27, 2019

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J. Michael Johnson

Contact staff writer Kyrie Long at 459-7510.

#### Shovel Creek Fire grows; others continue to burn near Fairbanks

#### Volume 90%

By John Dougherty |

Posted: Thu 7:14 PM, Jun 27, 2019 | Updated: Thu 9:38 PM, Jun 27, 2019



#### Shovel Creek & Nugget Creek Fires burning near Fairbanks

By Gilbert Cordova |

Posted: Fri 8:14 AM, Jun 28, 2019 | Updated: Fri 8:18 AM, Jun 28, 2019



ANCHORAGE, (KTUU) - The Shovel Creek Fire is burning northwest of Fairbanks. Alaska DOF says the

#### **Dozens of Wildfires Across Alaska Leave Wide Swaths Shrouded in Smoke**

By Jan Wesner Childs June 30 2019 12:09 PM EDT weather.com

Shovel Creek Fire grows to over 10,000 acres near Fairbanks, evacuations underway

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By Gilbert Cordova |

Posted: Mon 9:28 AM, Jul 01, 2019 | Updated: Mon 9:28 AM, Jul 01, 2019



ANCHORAGE, (KTUU) - The Alaska Department of Forestry says the Shovel Creek Fire near

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#### Fairbanks borough mayor declares Shovel Creek wildfire a disaster emergency

Author: Associated Press

• Updated: July 3

• Published July 3



FAIRBANKS - An Alaska mayor has declared a disaster emergency in the hopes of securing state assistance to

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#### Volunteers knocking on doors, warning Fairbanks residents of Shovel Creek Fire danger

Friday, July 5th 2019, 2:22 PM AKDT

Updated:

Friday, July 5th 2019, 6:28 PM AKDT

By: Elizabeth Roman





More information about the fire can be found online or by calling the incident management team at 907-347-6801.

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#### **MORE NEWS FROM KTVA:**

Wildfire near Montana Creek Road now estimated at 200-300 acres

Firefighters keep MLK Jr. Fire from spreading

Swan Lake Fire: 163,714 acres, 37% contained

# Wildfire near Beaver Creek forces campground evacuation, temporary Alaska Highway closure Social Sharing

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After 6-hour closure Saturday, Alaska Highway near Beaver Creek and Destruction Bay reopened

CBC News · Posted: Jul 07, 2019 3:34 PM CT | Last Updated: July 7



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### Fairbanks Air Quality Index spikes to Hazardous levels

By Lex Treinen

Posted: Mon 10:19 PM, Jul 08, 2019 | Updated: Mon 10:22 PM, Jul 08, 2019











ANCHORAGE (KTUU) - In the midst of several fires surrounding Fairbanks, the Air Quality Index

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#### **Beaver Fire and Ninetyeight Creek Fire Update for 7-9-19 2019**

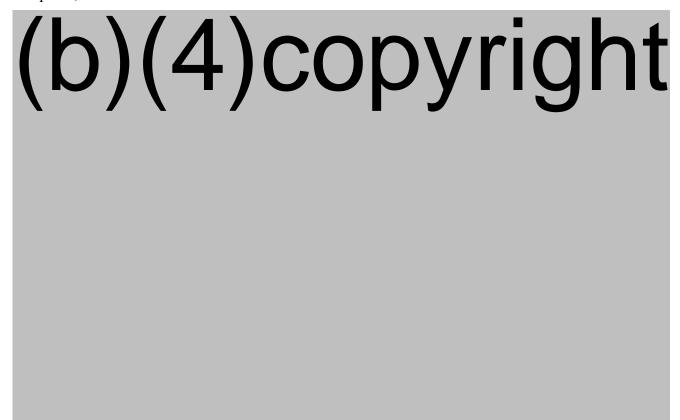
UJuly 9, 2019 by <u>akfirepios</u> Comments Off on Beaver Fire and Ninetyeight Creek Fire Update for 7-9-19 2019



Smoke Forecast: https://wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlooks/Alaska

#### **Beaver Fire and Ninetyeight Creek Fire Update, 7-11-19**

UJuly 11, 2019 by <u>akfirepios</u> Comments Off on Beaver Fire and Ninetyeight Creek Fire Update, 7-11-19



### **Beaver Fire crosses South Fork of Chena River, no growth on Ninetyeight Creek Fire**

UJuly 12, 2019 by <u>akfirepios</u> Comments Off on Beaver Fire crosses South Fork of Chena River, no growth on Ninetyeight Creek Fire



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